

Arlington Town Meeting Voting Results 04/30/2014

**2014 Annual Town Meeting (Second Session)
Thursday, April 30, 2014**

Annual Town Meeting

Articles Voted: 12, 13, 14, 15, & 16

Reconsideration: Article 16 – Sean C. Harrington, TMM, Pr. 15
Annie LaCourt, TMM, Pr. 15

Special Town Meeting (First Session)

Articles Voted: 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7

Reconsideration: Articles 3, 4, 6 & 7 – Allan Tosti, Chair, Finance Com.

**ARTICLE 12 BYLAW AMENDMENT/MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY
PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

VOTED: NO ACTION

A true copy of the vote under
Article 12 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held April 30, 2014.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 13 BYLAW AMENDMENT/POET LAUREATE

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE)

That Title II of the Town Bylaws be and hereby is amended by inserting a new article to provide for the honorary position of the Poet Laureate of the Town of Arlington as follows:

ARTICLE 11: POET LAUREATE OF ARLINGTON

Section 1. Establishment of an Honorary Poet Laureate of Arlington

There is hereby established for the purposes of advancing the literary arts, enriching the community, and recognizing the literary achievements of Town residents, the honorary position of Poet Laureate of Arlington.

Section 2. Selection, Term, and Criteria

Appointment of a Poet Laureate shall be for a term of one year, annually renewable for a total of three years based on the recommendation of a screening committee of five persons consisting of one person each designated by:

- (a) The Library Board of Trustees (by majority vote)*
- (b) The Arlington School Committee (by majority vote)*
- (c) The Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture (by majority vote)*
- (d) Town Meeting Member (appointed by the Town Moderator)*
- (e) The Town Manager (with advice and consent of the Board of Selectmen);*

and confirmed by the Board of Selectmen.

This honorary position shall be voluntary. Only Arlington residents shall be considered for appointment, and any person appointed as Poet Laureate of Arlington must at all times remain an Arlington resident during their term as Poet Laureate. In the event that a Poet Laureate is no longer a resident of Arlington during their term, the honorary position shall be construed to have been constructively vacated.

Section 3. Duties of the Poet Laureate

The duties of the Poet Laureate shall be to present original works of poetry, conduct readings and participate in public events and Town, public school and library programs as appropriate and practicable.

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ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 14 BYLAW AMENDMENT/PUBLIC MUSIC

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY)

That Title III (“Public and Private Ways”), Section 18 (“Public Music”) of the Town Bylaws be and hereby is amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 18. Street Performances

A. Purpose

The existence in Arlington of street performers provides a public amenity that enhances the character of the Town, and the Town seeks to encourage such performances on Town public ways to the extent that they do not interfere with the reasonable expectations of (1) residents to the enjoyment of peace and quiet in their homes; and/or (2) business owners to public access to and effective conduct of their business. It is the intention of this bylaw to balance the interests of the performers with those of the residents and businesses of the Town.

B. Definitions

- 1. Perform – Includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: acting, singing and playing of musical instruments, pantomime, juggling, magic acts, dancing, reading and reciting of literary works, puppetry, sidewalk art working with non-permanent, water-soluble media (i.e., chalk, pastels, watercolors directly on the pavement), conducted live and in-person, but shall not include presentations of audio/visual reproductions of such activities or the production of items for sale.***
- 2. Performer – An individual artist, member of an ensemble, or sponsor of a street fair or public festival, who has obtained a permit pursuant to this bylaw and Board of Selectmen regulations and is responsible for compliance with such provisions.***
- 3. Public ways – Any Town way or in any place to which the public has a right of access, is dedicated for public access, or upon any way or in any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees, consistent with this Article’s definition and use of the term “public ways,” which includes, but is not limited to Town public sidewalks and streets, but does not include Town parks and recreation areas or Town school property.***

C. Permit Required and Regulations

No person shall perform in or on a public way as defined under this article without a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall draft and promulgate appropriate procedures and regulations for the issuance of permits consistent with the provisions of this article. Permit holders

Six members, one of whom shall be a member of the Vision 2020 Culture and Recreation Task Group, shall be appointed by the Town Manager subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and one member shall be appointed by the School Committee. The respective appointing authorities shall consider for appointment, but need not appoint, persons recommended by the Vision 2020 Culture and Recreation Task Group for their initial appointments and, thereafter, persons recommended by the Commission. Two of the

initial appointments by the town Manager shall be for a three year term, two for a two year term and two for a one year term.

The initial appointment by the School Committee shall be for a three year term. After the initial appointment each term shall be for three years. Each member shall serve until their successors are appointed and sworn. Unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. The Commission shall organize for the conduct of its affairs and shall elect its own officers. Members may be removed by the appointing authority upon request of a majority of the Commission for three or more unexcused absences from Commission meetings in any calendar year.

Section 4. Staff Position and Office

The Commission may establish an office to manage the Commission's daily activities and may solicit a person or persons to perform this function. The Commission shall define the duties of this position which shall be entitled, Staff Director of the Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture. The Staff Director may be paid from any funds received through grants or gifts to the Commission. If no such funds are available, then the appointment thereto may be made on a volunteer basis. The appointment of the Staff Director will be by the Town Manager after considering the recommendation of the Commission and will be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 15 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held April 30, 2014.**

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 16 BYLAW AMENDMENTS/55 VENNER ROAD

VOTED: (162 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND 17 IN THE NEGATIVE)

**That the Town hereby releases the exterior lines taken by the Town of
Arlington for an extension of Venner Road on April 6, 1942, as shown on a**

Plan filed with same, bearing Plan No. 213 of 1942, in exchange for the valuable consideration of \$65,000, as authorized by M.G.L. c. 40 §15.

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ATTEST:

Town Clerk

